

STAINES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Public Health Inspector

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STAINES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Committee

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JOHN MULLIN, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., A.I.HSG. (retired 8.4.71)
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A.H. FULLER

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A. FENWICK

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MISS L.M. PERRYMAN

Public Analyst:

J.A. PALGRAVE, B.Sc., F.R.I.C.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE STAINES U.D.C. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my Annual Report for 1971.

1971 was Census Year, so there is a much more accurate estimation of the population of the district. The total number of persons living in the area in June was 56,386.

The birth rate continues to slow down. There were 849 live births this year compared with 931 last year, and 990 five years ago. The neonatal mortality rate was higher this year, mainly due to several very premature births including three pairs of twins who were born more than three months premature. The neonatal death rate for Ashford Hospital Maternity Unit where many, but not all, of the births took place, is below the national average, and I think this year's high figure for this district is caused by uneven distribution due to the relatively small figures involved, and already the figures for the first half of 1972 show the more usual trend of a low neonatal death rate for the area. A recent article about the British Perinatal Mortality Survey showed that, in the survey, cigarette smoking during pregnancy increased the risk of a still birth or neonatal death by 28%, and also led to a decrease in the birth weight. If mothers gave up smoking before the fourth month of pregnancy the risk became correspondingly lower and similar to that of non-smokers.

In 1971 more than half the female deaths were of persons aged over 75 years. Unfortunately deaths of males are spread more evenly through the age groups after 45 years. Coronary artery disease is again the main cause of this with 68 male deaths, of which 26 were below retiring age. 29 men and 3 women died from cancer of the lung, 10 before 65 years of age.

In my opinion cigarette smoking, lack of exercise and overweight are some of the contributory factors to coronary and other heart diseases. A little more attention by the public to the basic rules of health would, I am sure, improve the standard of fitness in general as well as prolong life.

There were no epidemics of the notifiable infectious diseases during the year. Although the incidence of measles has declined since vaccination against measles has been available, there are still many preventable cases of this very unpleasant, and occasionally serious, disease in children who have not received this protection.

Owing to the World Health Organisation's increasing success in controlling smallpox in Asia, the Department of Health and Social Security now considers that there is a diminishing likelihood of outbreaks of smallpox in this country, therefore, routine vaccination of young children is no longer being

officially encouraged. Vaccination against smallpox has always carried a very small risk of complications, and this risk now outweighs the benefit of vaccination for those people living in this country. Vaccination is still recommended for persons travelling to and from areas of the world where smallpox has not been fully eradicated, and for certain Health Service and Ambulance staff who will be dealing with any case of smallpox which is imported into this country.

While on the subject of infectious disease, because the district is near the Airport there are many people in the Staines area who have the opportunity to travel abroad, and there are certain basic precautions which travellers should take for their protection against diseases, especially if visiting tropical or developing countries. Information about health problems which are likely to arise should be obtained several weeks before leaving this country so that any necessary immunisation courses can be carried out at the most advantageous intervals. H.M. Stationery Office publishes a free leaflet about health precautions called 'Notice to Travellers' which is very informative, and copies can also be obtained from your Public Health Department.

During 1971 this department placed under surveillance, for the quarantine period, thirty-seven persons returning from cholera infected areas without the appropriate vaccination certificate, and eight persons returning from smallpox areas.

In May an outbreak of diarrhoea and vomiting occurred among the staff of three primary schools in the area. This was investigated by the Public Health Inspector, but there seemed to be no common factor among the sufferers. Forty-three specimens were sent to the pathology laboratory but no causative organisms were found. There were no undue absences among the children, and it was concluded that the outbreak was part of a general epidemic virus infection which was prevalent at the time. Water samples were also taken and were found to be satisfactory.

Mr. John Mullin who had been the Chief Public Health Inspector for Staines U.D.C. since 1946 retired in April 1971. He was instrumental in implementing the slum clearance scheme and consequently there is now no slum property in this area. He was also very interested in atmospheric pollution and it gave him great pleasure to submit the last smoke control order to the Council just before his retirement.

Mr. G.S. Adams was appointed Chief Public Health Inspector from April 1971, and I hope he will find this post both challenging and rewarding.

I also welcome Dr. Lilliott as my Deputy from September 1971, it is very pleasant to have her support.

I would like to thank the Public Health Inspectors and also Miss Perryman and her staff for all the help they have given me during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
H.B. Thompson.

General Statistics

Area — 8,271 acres							
Population Census 1971	...	...	...	...	...	...	56,386
Number of houses, bungalows and flats at 1.4.71	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,227
Rateable value at 1.4.71...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£3,812,648
Sum represented by a penny rate at 1st April, 1971	...	...	...	...	...	...	£45,700

Vital Statistics

<i>Live Births</i>					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	411	383	794
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	29	26	55
					<u>440</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>849</u>

Live Birth Rate (per thousand population)	...	...	...	...	15.1
Comparability factor is 0.89 giving adjusted birth rate of	...	...	...	...	13.4
Birth Rate England and Wales	...	...	...	...	16.0
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	...	...	...	...	6.0

<i>Still Births</i>					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	5	4	9
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	3	—	3

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	14
Still Birth Rate England and Wales	...	...	...	...	12

<i>Total Live and Still Births</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	861
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<i>Deaths</i>	Male	...	...	...	...	...	...	245
	Female	...	...	...	...	...	...	211
								<u>456</u>

Death Rate (per thousand population)	...	...	...	...	...	8.1
Comparability factor is 1.27, giving adjusted death rate of	...	...	...	...	...	10.3
Death Rate England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	11.6
Infant Deaths under one year	...	...	...	...	...	21
Infant Mortality Rate (per thousand live births)	...	...	...	...	...	25
Infant Mortality Rate England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	23
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	55
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	15
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	15
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	29
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	...	...	...	...	...	—
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	—

Causes of Death, 1971

									<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	—
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Other Malignant Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	21
Diabetes Mellitus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Anaemias	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Multiple Sclerosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Other Diseases of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	6
Hypertensive Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	9
Ischaemic Heart Disease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	32
Other Forms of Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	11
Cerebrovascular Disease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	39
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	16
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	25
Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	4
Asthma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
Peptic Ulcer...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Congenital Anomalies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	—
All other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Suicide and Self-inflicted injuries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
									245	211

INFANT DEATHS Under 1 Month

	Under 1 day		1—6 days		1 week		2 weeks		3 weeks		Total under 1 month	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Congenital Abnormalities	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Prematurity	3	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4
Difficult Labour	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
	3	3	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	7

1 Month and Under 1 Year

	1—2 months		3—5 months		6—8 months		9—11 months		Total 1 month and under 1 year	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Congenital Abnormalities	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Pneumonia	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	2	2
Bronchitis	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Mastoiditis	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	—	1	1	2	2	2	—	—	3	5

TOTAL INFANT DEATHS ALL AGES 9 12

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25 & over	Age un- known	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	3	—	8	1	1	1	—	14
Whooping Cough	2	1	2	7	4	7	1	—	—	—	24
Measles	5	12	13	19	29	88	2	—	4	—	172
Infective Jaundice	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	3	2	—	10
Acute Meningitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1

TUBERCULOSIS

1 — 4			NOTIFICATIONS				DEATHS			
Age Periods			Pulm.		Non-Pulm		Pulm.		Non-Pulm	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0— 1	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 4	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24	...	...	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44	...	...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
45—54	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75—84	...	...	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
			3	2	—	1	2	1	—	—

Water

Most of the area is supplied with mains water by the South West Suburban Water Company. The company's works are situated on the River Thames near Staines and the raw water is taken from the Thames and pumped direct to mains after rapid filtration and purification. 521 dwellings in the Colnbrook area are supplied by the Middle Thames Water Board and 69 dwellings near Chertsey Bridge on the river Thames are on the Woking and District Water Company's mains.

All the dwellings in the area are provided with pipe supplies direct to the dwellings and there are no dwellings on stand pipe supply. It was not found necessary to take action on any form of contamination of the mains water and the supply continues to be satisfactory in quality and in quantity.

Frequent and regular chemical and bacteriological samples of the raw and treated water are taken by the water undertakers and check samples are taken from time to time by this department. All the samples have been satisfactory and none of the water contains added fluoride. The fluoride content of the South West Suburban Water Company water and the Woking and District Water Company's water is normally 0.2 parts per million. The water supplied to the Colnbrook area is from several sources and averages 0.3 parts per million of fluoride. Agreement of all the local authorities supplied by these water boards is still awaited on the question of adding fluoride to the water.

A report on the pros and cons of fluoridation was presented to you when you decided in favour of fluoridation of the water supplies in this area.

Sewerage

The area has an adequate sewerage system. The sewage is treated at the Mogden works of the Greater London Council. There are, however, 215 premises where the drainage discharges to a cesspool.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Weekly collections have been maintained and there were few complaints during 1971. Disposal of refuse continues to be by incineration at the Charlton Plant, which is under the control of the Greater London Council.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE STAINES U.D.C.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present my first Annual Report to the Council. In addition to myself there have been three other changes in your Public Health Inspectorate and two in the office staff, so we are very much a new team. I also welcome Dr. Thompson on her appointment as Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Lilliott on her appointment as Deputy Medical Officer of Health. The new members have all settled in quickly and as the facts and figures set out in later pages show, we have had a useful first year.

We are fortunate in Staines that we have no slum clearance problem. There are, however, many properties in the area, some 1400, which lack one or more of the basic amenities. I am glad, therefore, to record the complete support I have received from the Public Health Committee and the Council in encouraging applications for Standard and Discretionary Grants, and in the adoption of the new Code for approvals. The number of applications for grants continues to rise and if this trend continues we can look forward to the elimination of this problem, of basically inadequate homes, in 6—7 years. Action in this field also helps to ensure that we do not have a slum clearance problem in the future.

At the same time we have had an increased number of applications for Qualification Certificates, pursuant to Section 44 of the Housing Act, 1969, and as a condition of issue we have been able to require extensive repairs, above and beyond those we can obtain by the service of Notices.

The suspension of Smoke Control Orders 1—4 in the early part of the year had little effect as fortunately the weather was mild. The year was noteworthy in this field as our last Smoke Control Order, No. 12, was confirmed and comes into operation on the 1st June, 1972.

Another important environmental gain was in obtaining a rat-free sewer system. The system will, of course, need regular attention if this happy state is to be maintained.

I am concerned at the poor standard of several food premises in the area and we are making a determined and sustained effort in this field, which will continue next year. This has already resulted in one prosecution under the Regulations in addition to several prosecutions for food offences, and I shall not hesitate to seek your authority for further prosecutions if our advice on compliance with the Regulations is not quickly adopted. On the credit side we have had good initial response, and a great deal of work is in hand or in progress.

At the Airport the new system of Customs clearance of imports by computer, including foodstuffs, which came into operation in October, caused many problems. The difficulty lay in reconciling the need for speed, one of the principal justifications for the computer, with the need to ensure our proper control of all food imports. This necessitated a completely new system of documentation, which was agreed with all parties, Customs, Agents and Airlines, was introduced and is running smoothly.

In addition to covering the traditional and statutory range of duties we have also begun to look at the environment of the area in its wider sense, and at matters for which we have no statutory responsibility but which, nevertheless, may have an important bearing on the health and well being of the inhabitants of the area. Reports were made to you of three of these, aircraft noise and pollution, and noise from the Cargo Terminal, with the result you know. All of these items are still being actively pursued.

In conclusion I would like to thank all my staff for their hard work, the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support, the Clerk, Mr. Entwistle, and the other Chief Officers for their ready acceptance and the help they have given to the 'new boy'.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G.S. Adams.

Summary of Inspections

Public Health or Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	774
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	318
Housing Act, 1969	...	...	...	...	...	...	677
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Food and Drugs Act Sampling..	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,378
Food Hawkers, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	149
Food Poisoning Investigations...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Food Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	513
London Airport Cargo Terminal	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,134
Pet Animals Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Drainage Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	143
Factories Act, 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	369
Clean Air Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	949
Rodent Control (inspections and survey)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,981
Pest Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	260
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	97
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960	...	...	...	...	...	...	135
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Pollution of Streams	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Refuse tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Hairdressers (Bye Laws)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	851
Merchandise Marks Acts..	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Labelling of Food Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	223
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	555
London (Heathrow) Airport, Sound proofing Scheme	...	...	...	...	...	...	292
							11,232

Number of Notices Served

							<i>Informal</i>	<i>Formal</i>
Public Health Act, 1936...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130	22
Food and Drugs Act, 1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	109	—
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 (Notifications)	85						—	—
Clean Air Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
							324	23



**The following photographs show the benefits of
Improvement Grant work.**





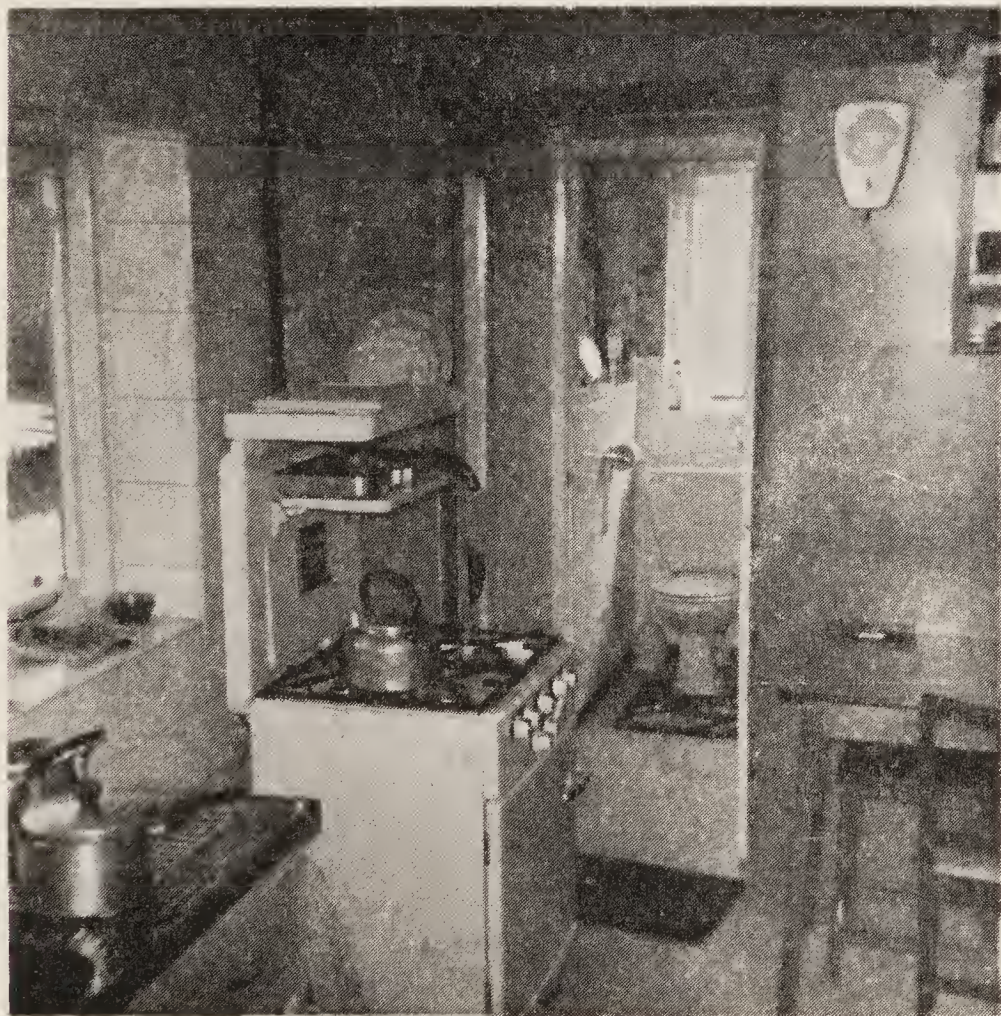
Before conversion



After conversion



Before conversion



After conversion

Housing Act, 1957
UNFIT HOUSES BEYOND REPAIR
Details of houses dealt with during 1971

Closing Orders made	Section 17	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Demolition Orders made	Section 18	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses demolished following	Demolition Orders..	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Parts of Building Closed	Section 18	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of persons displaced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of families displaced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

CLEARANCE AREAS

Number of Clearance Areas represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of unfit houses included in Areas...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of persons to be displaced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of houses demolished by Local Authority or Owners:—								
(a) Unfit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) Others	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of persons displaced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of families displaced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

NUMBER OF HOUSES RENDERED FIT AFTER SERVICE OF NOTICES

		Housing Act, 1957 Sec. 9. 10. 16.		Public Health Acts		Totals	
		<i>Informal</i>	<i>Formal</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Formal</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Formal</i>
By Owner	...	—	—	68	13	68	13

Housing Act, 1969
IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The number of applications for improvement grants continued to increase consequent upon this Act.

Standard Grants

No. of applications approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
No. of dwellings improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Total amount paid in grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	£6,215
Average Grant per dwelling	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 132

Discretionary Grants

No. of applications received	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
No. of applications approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Amount of Grant approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	£5,706
Grants paid ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£ 871
No. of dwellings improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Housing Act 1969

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

Improvement Cases				
No. of certificates of provisional approval issued...	...	...	...	101
No. of qualification certificates issued under section 46(3)	...	...	...	14
Standard Amenities Already Provided				
No. of qualification certificates issued under section 45(2)	...	...	...	104
One application for a qualification certificate was refused on the grounds that the dwelling did not have the prescribed amenities.				

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

The following caravan sites are licensed:

							<i>Residential</i>	<i>Holiday</i>
Land at Penton Hook, Staines...	...	...	...	...	...	22	—	—
Harris' Boatyard, Laleham	...	...	...	...	...	6	18	—
Caretaker Sites, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	10	—	—

The Council has provided a holiday caravan and camping site at Laleham on the banks of the River Thames. This site is open from May to September each year and is under the control of the Camping Club of Great Britain.

In addition there are four sites in Ashford which come under the control of the Showmen's Guild and which are therefore exempted from the requirements of this Act.

During the year we have had several caravans sited illegally in the area, the most note-worthy occasion being when some twenty caravans occupied a site in Long Lane. Eventually, after continued pressure, these caravans were removed and the owners sealed the entry to this land. It is, however, very difficult to deal with illegal sitings in the light of the Caravan Sites Act 1968, and we look forward to the provision of an official site by the County Council.

Complaints

Complaints by the public cover a wide range of subjects and during the year, 547 complaints were dealt with.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

								<i>No. of Premises</i>	<i>No. of Inspections</i>
Bakehouses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7
Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	87
Butchers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	185
Milk Distribution Depots	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Food and Drink Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	51
Fishmongers and Fish Fryers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	104
Food Hawkers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	18
Grocers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	143
Greengrocers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	119
Public Houses, Clubs and Off Licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	100
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	215
School Kitchens and Serveries...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	22
London Airport Cargo Terminal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	1134
Wholesalers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Canteens ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	34
Supermarkets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	194
Sweets and Confectionery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	111
								405	2530

Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned

								<i>Tons Cwts. Lbs.</i>		
Meat at retail shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	107
Cooked meat and meat products	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	39
Canned meats	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	19
Other canned foods ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	19	68½
Fish ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	23
Fruit and vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	45
Other foods...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	8	110½
Frozen foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	13	22
Total								7	5	98

London Airport Cargo Terminal Imported Food Regulations, 1968

1134 visits were made to the Cargo Terminal to inspect imported foods. The total weight of food examined was 17,180 tons. Details of foods surrendered or condemned as unfit are appended.

									<i>Tons Cwts. Lbs.</i>		
Fruit ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	10	—
Vegetables ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	5	6
Meat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other foods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	15	—
Total									27	10	6

Foods and Drugs Administration

Samples of Foods and Drugs submitted to the Public Analyst for examination.

	<i>Number of Samples</i>		<i>Unsatisfactory Reports</i>		<i>Legal Proceedings</i>
	<i>Formal</i>	<i>Informal</i>	<i>Analysis</i>	<i>Labelling</i>	<i>Instituted</i>
Food	—	88	—	16	—
Drugs	—	16	—	—	—

Labelling of Food Orders

Twelve samples of foods were reported by the Public Analyst as not conforming to the Orders dealing with labelling and description of food. These included Spanish rice mix, cider vinegar, strawberry conserve, cheese (4), pate (3), potato mix and fruit cocktail.

These infringements were taken up with the manufacturer or importer of the product. In all cases satisfactory arrangements were agreed for the labels or descriptions of the foods to be altered to conform to the legal requirements for the product.

In addition, four samples of sausages were found to contain permitted preservative (SO₂) but the declarations required by the Preservatives in Food Regulations 1962 were not exhibited in the shops concerned. After warning, proprietors complied with the requirements of the Regulations.

Bacteriological Sampling

Fifty-five samples of various foods including milk, cream, ice cream, yoghurt, cheese and various meat products were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. One sample of fresh cream was unsatisfactory. Further samples of this product were, however, satisfactory. The remaining samples were all satisfactory.

Sampling of foods imported through London Airport Cargo Terminal

Bacteriological

Thirty-one samples of meat products, prepared foods and shellfish were submitted for detailed bacteriological examination to the Central Public Health Laboratory at Colindale. The results were generally satisfactory and in no case were organisms of the Salmonella or Dysentery groups, or Coagulase positive staphylococci found.

However, high plate counts were found in two cases of salami and in one case of pate. There is international disagreement on the significance of such findings on these products, but further attention will be given to them in the ensuing year.

Chemical

One sample of cheese from Cyprus was submitted to the Public Analyst when it was confirmed that the labelling was not in accordance with the Cheese Regulations 1970. Arrangements were made to re-label this product before distribution in the U.K.

One sample of smoked salmon trout from Switzerland was submitted to the Public Analyst for examination for pesticides residues. The sample gave a satisfactory analysis for this purpose.

Brucellosis

Milk is supplied to the area by large dairies distributing milk in the Home Counties. All of this milk is pasteurised and any milk produced on dairy farms within the district is sent to the dairies for pasteurisation. Sampling for brucellosis was therefore not necessary.

Legal Proceedings

A firm of bakers was fined £10 with £2.10 costs for the sale of a loaf of bread with a screw embedded in it.

A firm of Ice-cream manufacturers was prosecuted for the sale of a carton of ice-cream which contained a cigarette. This case was dismissed.

A manufacturer was prosecuted for the sale of a sausage which contained the tip of a cigarette and was fined £25.

A store was prosecuted for the sale of yoghurt which was mouldy and was fined £10 with £2.10 costs.

A supermarket was fined £40 and £10 costs for the sale of a mouldy chicken and ham pie.

A bakery which sold a mouldy loaf of bread was fined £10 and £2 costs.

A wholesale butcher whose premises did not comply with the Food Hygiene Regulations was prosecuted and was fined a total of £220 with £25 costs.

Clean Air Acts 1956/1968

Smoke Control Order No. 11 came into operation on 1st June 1971. Order No. 12 was submitted to the Council in November 1970 and was confirmed on 26th August 1971. When Order No. 12 becomes operative on 1st June 1972, it will complete the inclusion of the whole of the area of Staines U.D. in smoke control areas.

Smoke Control Areas

				<i>Date of operation</i>	<i>No. of Dwellings</i>	<i>Acreage covered</i>
No. 1	...	...	...	1.12.60	2,495	1,824
No. 2	...	...	...	1.12.62	878	2,990
No. 3	...	...	...	1.6.63	1,415	518
No. 4	...	...	...	1.7.64	424	126
No. 5	...	...	...	1.7.65	1,703	341
No. 6	...	...	...	1.6.66	2,500	408
No. 7	...	...	...	1.7.67	1,020	157
No. 8	...	...	...	1.6.68	1,218	140
No. 9	...	...	...	1.6.69	1,467	247
No. 10	...	...	...	1.6.70	1,722	500
No. 11	...	...	...	1.6.71	1,450	266
No. 12	...	...	...	1.6.72	387	754
					16,679	8,271

The total number of dwellings included in smoke control areas is less than the present number of dwellings in the whole of the district because the smoke control areas started 12 years ago, and the figures shown for each year were the dwellings in the area at the time of declaration. New dwellings are of course subject to the Smoke Control Orders.

Industrial Smoke

Dark smoke — number of contraventions	1
Notice of installation of furnaces	5

Height of chimneys

Number of plans showing new chimneys	9
Number approved	9

Surrey County Council Act, 1931

Deposit of Refuse

Section 94 of this Act provides powers to control the deposit of refuse on land within the Council's area. Seven consents have been issued; these are all for the back filling of wet gravel pits, under conditions laid down in the consent. Five of these sites are currently in use. Deposit of refuse and harmful substances is prohibited.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

Sixteen complaints of noise nuisance were received during the year, six in respect of industrial premises, two commercial premises, two construction works, five domestic premises and one school. In ten cases noise nuisance was established and in eight cases the nuisance was abated after action by my Department. In the remaining two cases some improvement was obtained.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Report on Inspections carried out During the Year 1971

The number of premises registered fell during the year, there being reductions in the number of offices, retail shops and warehouses; however, the number of catering establishments increased slightly. The total number of persons employed increased from 7,471 to 7,572.

All the Public Health Inspectors carry out inspections under this Act as part of their duties. Visits are made without warning, verbal notice is given of any infringement which is later followed up by written notification. Many of the visits were made during the winter months in order that an assessment could be made of the sufficiency or otherwise of heating arrangements. It is surprising that many shop and office managers show complete indifference when inspections are made. It would be expected that our visits would be welcomed in order to improve working conditions, but often attempts are made to dissuade the Inspectors from writing to their employers.

The largest number of contraventions found relate to the provision of first aid boxes. Usually this occurs because the boxes are used and not replenished. The second largest number of contraventions related to cleanliness and there seems to be real difficulty today in arranging adequate cleansing services. Another infringement found frequently is the failure to display the Abstract of the Act.

The majority of contraventions relating to temperature were in fact no more than failure to provide a thermometer; generally the temperature exceeded the legal minimum by several degrees. Although only two cases of overcrowding were found, there was difficulty in shops, even with new premises, in meeting the requirements of the Act which require permanent space, i.e. sanitary conveniences, washing facilities, supply of drinking water etc., as the rear premises were frequently very small indeed. We are still finding cases where the drinking water supply is within the sanitary convenience, and a number of requirements have been raised through the year to provide a separate facility in a more hygienic situation.

No complaints were received by staff covered by this Act.

We have found that most managements and staff are very conscious of the need to guard dangerous machinery. This is particularly true with regard to food slicing machines which may well be due to the recent issue of the leaflet on their safe use.

Thirty accidents were reported, none fatal, most in fact being of a very minor nature. It was found that most occupiers of registered premises are careful to report accidents. The majority of the accidents occurred in warehouses and were due to sheer carelessness.

Registration and General Inspections

	<i>Number of premises registered during the year</i>	<i>Number of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection</i>
Offices	18	290	223
Retail Shops	18	318	270
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses ...	1	7	7
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens... ..	5	40	23
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—
Totals:	42	655	523

Analysis of Contraventions

Section.	Number of Contraventions found		Section.	Number of Contraventions found	
4	Cleanliness	46	16	Floors, passages and stairs	28
5	Overcrowding	2	17	Fencing exposed parts machinery	3
6	Temperature	22	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	—
7	Ventilation	13	19	Training of young persons at dangerous machinery	—
8	Lighting	4	20	Hoists & Lifts Regulations	1
9	Sanitary Conveniences	23	23	Prohibition of heavy work	—
10	Washing Facilities	34	24	First Aid	50
11	Supply of Drinking Water	14	50	General provisions	38
12	Clothing Accommodation	5		Information for Employees	38
13	Sitting facilities	2		Total	288
14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	—			
15	Eating Facilities	3			

Reported Accidents

Workplace	Number Reported	Total No. Investigated	Action Recommended			No Action
			Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	8	3	—	—	2	6
Retail Shops	1	—	—	—	—	1
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	20	7	—	1	—	19
Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	1	1	—	—	1	—
Fuel Storage Depots	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	30	11	—	1	3	26

Analysis of reported accidents

	<i>Offices</i>	<i>Retail Shops</i>	<i>Wholesale Ware-houses</i>	<i>Catering establish-ments open to public, canteens</i>	<i>Fuel Storage Depots</i>
Machinery	1	—	6	—	—
Transport	—	—	7	—	—
Falls of persons	4	—	3	—	—
Stepping on or striking against object or person	—	—	—	—	—
Handling goods	1	1	4	—	—
Struck by falling object	—	1	—	—	—
Fires and Explosions	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity	—	—	—	—	—
Use of hand tools	—	—	—	—	—
Not otherwise specified	2	—	—	1	—

Factories Act, 1961

1 – INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	347	366	1	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	3	—	—
TOTAL ...	350	369	1	—

2 – Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	—	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	18	18			
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	18	19	—	—	—

OUTWORK

<i>Nature of Work</i>	<i>Section 133</i>			<i>Section 134</i>		
	<i>No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)</i>	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i>	<i>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i>	<i>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i>	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Prosecutions</i>
Wearing apparel – Making, etc.	10	—	—	—	—	—
Artificial flowers	1	—	—	—	—	—

Riding Establishments Act, 1964

It is the duty of the local authority to licence persons keeping a riding establishment. Before issuing a licence the Authority has to be satisfied as to the suitability of the person to carry on this type of business and the general condition of the stables and equipment must be of a reasonable standard. The horses are inspected for condition and suitability for their purpose by the Council’s veterinary officer before the granting of a licence. One establishment was licensed at the end of the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963.

This Act provides that no person shall keep a boarding establishment for animals except under a licence granted by the Council. Section I of the Act prescribes the conditions for granting a licence. These generally have regard to the welfare of the animals and 3 premises are licensed. Another function of these establishments, in view of the proximity of London Airport, is as quarantine kennels for dogs imported through the Airport.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Most of the infestations by rats are of a minor nature. A frequent source of infestation is from rats nesting along the banks of the river Thames, ditches and streams. It is the Council's policy to provide a free service for the eradication of rats and mice at domestic premises and a small charge is made for treatment of business premises.

A full treatment of all sewers was carried out which resulted in the complete elimination of rats from this habitat.

									<i>Type of Property</i>	
									<i>Non-</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>
									<i>Agricultural</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>
Number of properties in district	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,617	48
Total number of properties inspected following notification	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	639	8
Number infested by										
(i) rats	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	248	8
(ii) mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	148	—
Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reasons other than notification	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,981	—
Number infested by										
(i) rats	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	—
(ii) mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	—

